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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN FOLKFIFE FESTIVAL

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1. MINCUL OFFICIALS INFORMED SUBSTANCE REFTTEL. PLAN DISCUSS WITH SENE UPON HIS RETURN DAKAR AUGUST 10 AND WILL FINALIZE LIST 29 PARTICIPANTS. POST STRESSED AFRICAN DIASPORA CONCERN LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

2. GOS HAS HAD LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT FOR SOUNDIOULOU CISSOKO AND MAHAWA KOUATE PERFORM IRAN WHICH NOW FALLS SAME TIME AS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. RECEIVED ASSURANCES BANNA CISSOKO AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER KORA PLAYER. MINCUL OFFICIALS MAKING EFFORT REINSTATE FATOU THIAM SAMB. ALTHOUGH TAILOR WAS SUGGESTION OF MINISTER, MAKING ATTEMPT ELIMINATE.

3. IN ABSENCE FURTHER DOCUMENTS IN FILE AND DEPARTURE CAO WHO WAS HALDING PROJECT, WOULD APPRECIATE INFO RE LOGISTICS. ASSUME SMITHSONIAN FORWARDING THROUGH PAN AM OFFICES 29 PREPAID TICKETS. NEED ETA FOR GROUP WASHINGTON IN ORDER EXPEDITE ISSUANCE VISAS. THEY REQUEST AUGUST 20 EAT VIA AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHT. INFORMED TRAVEL BY NON-AMERICAN CARRIER NOT POSSIBLE TO WHICH THEY RESPONDED PANAM HAS ARRANGEMENT AIR AFRIQUE AND PERHAPS THIS INSTANCE EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE. ADVISE.

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